

# 2024 Annual Report



Volunteers from Restoration Church



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Hope

Inspiring Hope, Transforming Foster Care

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# A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As I reflect on this past year, I am filled with deep gratitude for the unwavering support of our incredible community. Every day, I witness the profound impact that Resources of Hope has on foster youth and families in Central Indiana. Whether it's the joy on a child's face as they receive a special birthday gift through ***Birthday Blessings***, the connections built at ***Teen Connect***, or the relief in a caregiver's voice when they find the support they need through ***UNITE*** or our ***Foster Parent Trainings***, it fills my heart.

At ***The Clothing Closet***, I've had the privilege of watching children light up as they choose outfits that make them feel confident and cared for. These seemingly simple moments are reminders of the dignity and hope that our supporters provide.

But as we celebrate these victories, we must also face the challenges. Last year, our expenses outpaced our donations, a stark reminder of the increasing need within Indiana's foster care system. With nearly 17,000 children in foster care, our mission has never been more urgent.

That is why, in November 2024, we took a bold step forward with the launch of Butterfly Blessings a program designed to expand our reach beyond Central Indiana, ensuring that foster children in more communities receive the resources, encouragement, and support they deserve. This milestone would not have been possible without every one of our supporters; whether employees or volunteers.

The truth is, not everyone can foster, but everyone can do something. Whether one gives financially, volunteers their time, or simply spreads awareness, it is the community that is changing lives.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for standing with us. Your compassion fuels our mission, and together, we will continue with our journey of *inspiring hope while transforming foster care*.

With love and gratitude,

Renee Furnee 

Executive Director, Resources of Hope

**Our vision remains strong: To ensure a brighter future of every child in foster care.**

**Will you help? Email me today to find out how:  
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Foster Teen Shopping Spree adult volunteers.



Volunteers at our annual foster/kinship family picnic.

"Thank you so much for always being there with a big smile and willingness to help all of our foster littles. You guys provide much needed resources to the foster community and we are so grateful for the love and time you pour into your organization!" MR-Foster Mom

# Financials

January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

## Statement of Financial Position

| Revenue & Support   |                  | Expenses              |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Contributions       | \$76,911         | Rent                  | \$24,000         |
| Grants              | \$15,000         | Management + General  | \$14,976         |
| Fundraisers         | \$74,064         | Programs              | \$119,226        |
|                     |                  | Fundraisers           | \$34,081         |
| <b>Total Income</b> | <b>\$165,975</b> | <b>Total Expenses</b> | <b>\$192,283</b> |

Executive Director: Renae Furnée

Executive Assistant: Nikkole Seal

Operations Manager: Shannon Pierce

### Board of Directors:

President ..... Tony Badolato  
Treasurer ..... Randy Spacht  
Secretary ..... Emily Ellis  
Member At Large ..... Eric Smith  
Member At Large ..... Amy McCall

**Resources of Hope, Inc.**  
**is proud to offer the following programs:**



Birthdays are to celebrate. Through this program every foster child will receive toys and a new outfit on their birthday. We also provide "Party Packs" - cake mix, frosting, candles, decorations & more!

The  
Clothing  
Closet

More times than not, kids enter foster care with little to no personal items. The Clothing Closet provides clothing, socks, underwear, shoes, seasonal outfits, diapers, infant needs, seasonal wear, school supplies, toys, etc!

Community  
Outreach Events

Our Community Outreach Events include the entire foster/kinship family - however that looks. Annual Foster Family Picnic, Hope for the Holidays, Recharge!, etc.



Monthly DCS approved trainings and support groups empower and educate foster parents to better serve the children in their care, creating longer retention in a family's journey to foster.



A mentor led monthly support group with dinner and planned activities for foster/adopted/kinship youth aged 12-17.



Foster & Kinship Support Groups

Being a foster or kinship parent is hard.  
It's easy to feel like you're walking this journey alone.  
At Unite Support Group we get it, we understand.

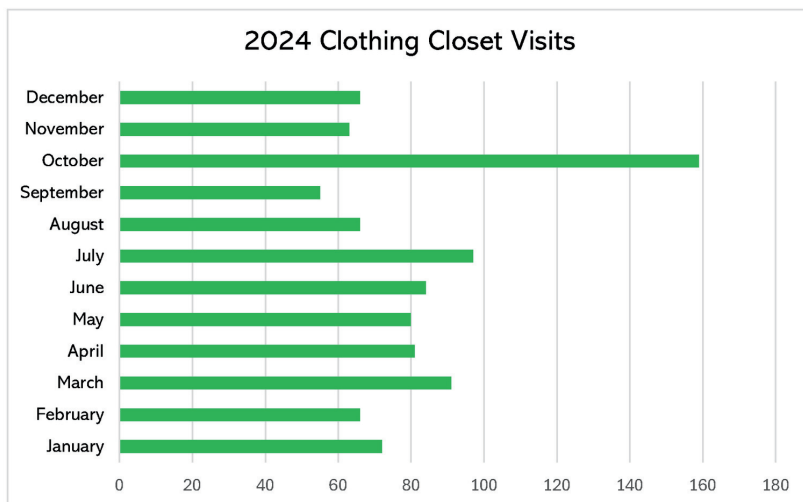
**50%**

of foster parents quit after their 1st placement or 1st year fostering.

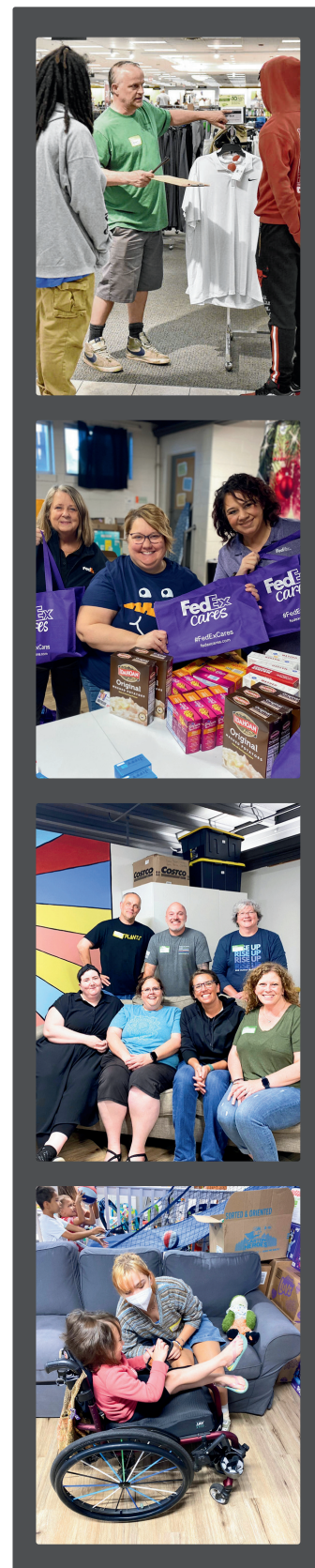
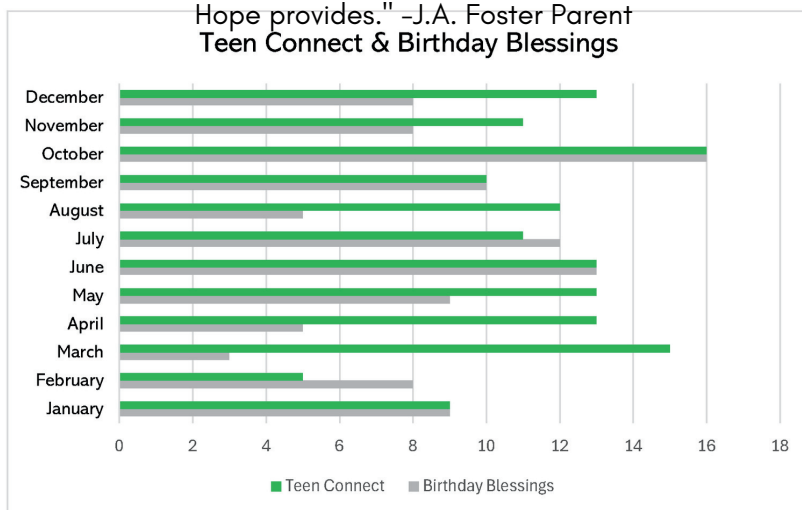
Why? Simply put, lack of support. We aim to squash this statistic by continuing to listen to what our foster community needs and stepping up to fill those gaps.

# 1392 volunteer hours in 2024.

We are so grateful for our volunteers! Resources of Hope can only make the impact we do because of our wonderful supporters, including our amazing volunteers!



"We are beyond grateful for the support during our new adventure! We couldn't do it (foster) without the continued encouragement Resources of Hope provides." -J.A. Foster Parent  
Teen Connect & Birthday Blessings



# 569,879

2022 US Children in the foster care system. \*

# 19,201

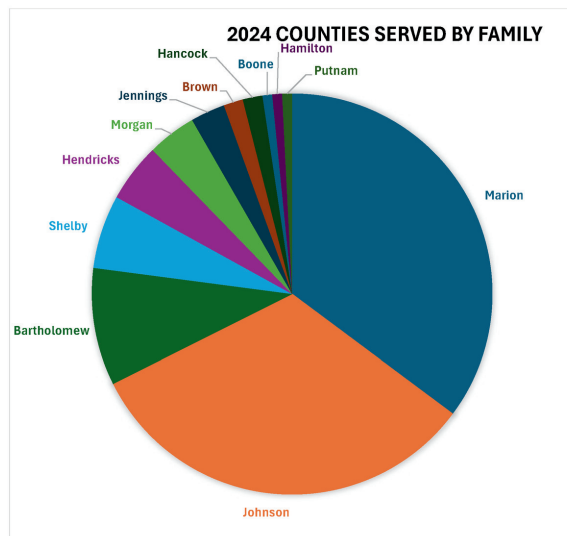
2022 Indiana children utilizing the foster system. \*

# Our Impact

Resources of Hope stands with dedicated caregivers, providing unwavering support and essential resources to youth in foster and kinship care throughout Indiana.

Foster care crosses county lines. So do we.

I am so thankful for Resources of Hope. At a time where I needed help, they were there for me. Taking in 4 under 3 was a tough decision, but organizations like this make the transition easier. A big thank you to donors and everyone at Resources of Hope. -JA Foster Parent



\*1% in Clark, Daviess, Dearborn, Franklin, Greene, Henry, Jackson, Madison, Monroe

I am so impressed! The gifts/toys were plentiful and right-on when it came to the types of things my foster daughter likes! The party pack was incredibly thorough... plates, napkins, everything I needed to make a beautiful cake, AND decor... and it was all UNICORN themed! It was absolutely perfect! I could tell whoever put this together did it from the heart, as if this child to be celebrated were their very own. That knowing brought so much joy and gratitude. It's nice to know people genuinely care and want to join in this effort to protect, nurture, and celebrate these precious little lives. - Foster Parent

1551

kids impacted in 2024.

106

Certificates given from our training & UNITE programs.

243

Youth received gifts for Christmas 2024.